

Calico Cutters Quilt Guild Meeting

September 13, 2017

Held at Goshen Fire Company, West Chester, PA

President, Pat Barton, opened meeting at 9:30am and welcomed everyone. Announced the speaker, Nancy Mahoney, would present her lecture prior to the business meeting.

Nancy Mahoney, a self described recovering perfectionist, gave a lecture including lots of information on her development of fabric recipes. Nancy has written 14 books and brought many of her beautiful quilts to share!

Nancy's lecture ended at approximately 11:00am and was followed by a brief break for the members.

At 11:15 am., Pat Barton opened the business meeting. Pat and Cindy Zencey welcomed the new members. The new members were called to the podium and were pinned with their handmade CC name tag.

Pat announced the Oaks Quilt Show being held over the weekend.

We learned the sad news that Cindy Kerr has been diagnosed with cancer. Cindy is starting chemotherapy. Pat encouraged members to send well wishes to Cindy through her Caring Bridge site or to her home. The address can be obtained on our membership list. Pat let us know Ryan's Case for Smiles is now approaching the 1 million pillowcase milestone!

Pat spoke about Hurricane Harvey. In addition to the guild making a cash donation, the members have an opportunity to send a cash donation directly to Houston. Kelly Meanix is collecting those donations. Kelly spoke about the church which will be receiving those funds, her connection to the church through her sister-in-law, the good work the church is providing by sheltering and feeding those displaced by Harvey. Kelly announced that she had already received \$445 and thanked everyone for their kindness. Pat is researching the possibility of sending quilts to Florida for those who lost so much due to Hurricane Irma.

Reminder: the November meeting ONLY will be held at Paoli Presbyterian Church.

Committee Reports:

Charitable Gifts: Ann McErlean announced that 267 pillowcases had been collected for Ryan's Case for Smiles and 23 handkerchiefs. Edith Shooster will deliver the pillowcases. The October charity is the Coatesville VA Hospital and the wish list is available on the website. A look ahead for November, the charity organization recipients are asking for hats, gloves and scarfs.

Ways and Means: Kelly Meanix announced the October raffle baskets opportunity. Also, there are still a few boxes of cards for sale. Kelly also announced the bake sale which will be held in November at the meeting in Paoli. Please sign-up to bake!

Terry Seeley announced there would be no books or magazine sales until the spring of 2018.

Small Quilt Committee for the Quilt Show: Cindy Zencey and Terry Seeley announced they will accept 50 small quilts to be donated to the guild for the Quilt Show in May of 2018. The quilts will be raffled. The quilts are to be 16" wide by 24" length and can be any theme.

Programs and Workshops: Leslie O'Brien announced the speaker for October will be Thomas Knauer. He is a Modern Quilter and the topic of his lecture will be Era of Excess. There may be an opening in the Design Workshop. Leslie encouraged members to sign up for the workshop.

Kathy Nester announced that Melissa Sobotka will be the speaker for the November meeting. There are openings for the workshop. A sewing machine is not needed for the workshop. There is a kit fee to be paid the day of the workshop and includes fabric and paints. The workshop date is November 7, 2017. All information is on the website.

Stephanie Braskey had breaking news. She signed Sarah Bond to a contract to give a lecture at our May 2018 meeting! No exact details on a workshop at this time, however, Stephanie is planning a workshop. It will be on a Saturday due to Sarah's schedule. Possibly May 12th of 2018.

Challenge Committee: Stephanie Braskey reviewed the challenge for this upcoming February 2018 meeting. The three most important facts are: 1. The challenge is due at the February 2018 meeting; 2. The quilts will be kept by the guild for the upcoming quilt show and any other future events; and 3. The size is to 8 1/2" x 11" approximately. Encouraged to stay as close as possible to this size.

Membership: Lee Paylor and Susan Linton announced 86 members and 6 guests were in attendance. The Directory is on-line and everyone can now print the current directory. Currently, the guild is full and Lee and Susan have a wait list.

Retreat: Lee Paylor announced there are a few spots left for the October retreat. She and Sharon Nungester reviewed the four rules. Also, reviewed the button challenge quilt for the retreat and that the banquet attire challenge is a favorite Halloween costume.

Block of the Month: Ten blocks were turned in for September and the winner of the blocks was Floss C??. Sonja introduced the October BOM. It will be 11' square and is Crazy Wacky Jack. All details will be on the website.

Fat Quarter Raffle: Judy Ann Smith was the winner of a small bundle and several other FQ's. The theme for October will be Christmas.

Pat Barton announced there is a critical issue. The membership is in search of the recipe for the Lemon Blueberry Cake. The maker of the Lemon Blueberry Cake and the keeper of the desired recipe was not in attendance. One member seemed to know the person we are seeking.

Kids Quilt Committee: The Committee is off to a great start. Cathy Fasy and Jackie Frye and other members displayed the 14 quilts collected this month.

Quilts of Valor: Gail Pickett announced there were not quilts this month. The quilts are given to the VA Hospital and Gail encouraged all of the members to make a quilt for our veterans. The quilts can be as small as 42" x 56" and are to be red, white and blue. A label is required and the details for the label and quilts can be found on the website or by contacting Gail. Betty Dix gave the members information on the wording she includes on her Quilts of Valor.

Show and Tell: Approximately 16 members showed their recent projects.

Jeannette Walsh announced that ABM Int./Innova has committed to accepting quilts for Harvey. ABM dealers will have the information and labels and the quilts can be up to a twin size.

Pat Barton thanked Dorothy Murdoch for her generous donation of an applique pattern, fabric and completed blocks to the guild. Many of the blocks for the quilt have already been beautifully appliqued by Dot. The remaining block, borders and completion of the quilt will be done by several members. The quilt will be used as a raffle quilt at a future date. That date has not yet been determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.